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Application of: Devlin

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Examiner: Dwayne K. Handy

Title:    Method For Increasing Throughput  
          In An Automatic Clinical Analyzer By  
          Duplicating Reagent Servers

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

          This communication is in response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action dated January 8, 2009, in which claims 1 - 5 were rejected. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this response and allowance of the as claimed invention in view of the following.